

REMARKS

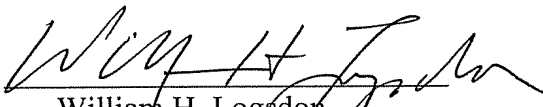
Claims 1-9 were pending in this application. Independent claims 1 and 5 have been amended, as discussed below. No claims have been cancelled or added. Accordingly, claims 1-9 remain in this application.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 1 and 5 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections of 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for indefiniteness. Specifically, claims 1 and 5 have been rejected on the basis that the claimed exemplary type of hydrogen-added thermoplastic resin in parentheses, namely, HSBC and the claimed exemplary type of blended elastomer in parentheses, namely, Semi-IPN, make the claim indefinite, as it is not clear if these examples further limit the claim or not. Applicant has cancelled the limitations of "(Semi-IPN)" and "(HSBC)" in claims 1 and 5. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the indefiniteness rejection and allowance of claims 1 and 5. Claims 2-4 and 6-9 depend from and add further limitations to amended independent claims 1 and 5, respectively and are believed to be patentable for the same reasons as amended independent claims 1 and 5.

Based on the foregoing amendments and indication of allowed claims, Applicant respectfully requests that the pending application pass to issue and that Letters Patent be granted in due course.

Respectfully submitted,

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